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2013 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 26

Fall Announcement # 22, District 1 Commercial Period 9

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The fifth pulse of fall chum salmon entered Yukon River on August 16. This pulse has sustained for several days and is currently passing Pilot Station sonar. The estimated size of this current fall chum salmon pulse is at least 180,000 fish. Through August 20, the cumulative fall chum salmon passage past Pilot Station sonar is approximately 533,000 fish, which is above the historical median of 441,500 fish for that date. Based on inseason assessment, the projected fall chum salmon run size is greater than 850,000.

District Y-1

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 on Thursday, August 22 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The remainder of District Y-1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, August 22 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

Verbal reports from the District Y-1 commercial opening on August 19 indicate a preliminary harvest of 19,584 fall chum salmon and 7,060 coho salmon. The preliminary cumulative commercial fall chum harvest for District Y-1 is 97,198 fall chum and 16,335 coho salmon.

In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing is open during the fall season 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches. In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 12:01 a.m. Thursday August 22, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Friday, August 23.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 and 459-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks 1-866-479-7387). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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